

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**Bureau of Consular Affairs; Certain Foreign Passports Validity****[Public Notice 2902]**

Under INA 212(a)(7)(B) an alien who makes an application for a visa or for admission into the United States is required to possess a passport that (1) is valid for a minimum of six months beyond the date of the expiration of the initial period of the alien's admission into the United States or his or her contemplated initial period of stay and (2) authorizes the alien to return to the country from which he or she came or to proceed to and enter some other country during such period. Because of the foregoing requirement, certain foreign countries have agreed with the United States that their passports will be recognized as valid for the return of the bearer to the country of the foreign issuing authority for a period of six months beyond the expiration date specified in the passport. By so agreeing the country in question effectively extends the validity period of the foreign passport an additional six months notwithstanding the expiration date indicated in the passport.

This Public Notice updates the list of countries that have concluded agreements with the Government of the United States:

Algeria
Antigua & Barbuda
Argentina (Added)
Australia
Austria
Bahamas, the
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belgium
Bolivia (Deleted)
Brazil
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cote D'Ivoire
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic (Added)
Denmark
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala (Deleted)
Guinea

Guyana (Deleted)
Honduras (Deleted)
Hong Kong (Certificates of identify & passports)
Hungary (Added)
Iceland
India
Iran (Deleted)
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Korea
Kuwait
Laos
Lebanon
Libya (Deleted)
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Malta
Mauritius
Mexico
Monaco
Morocco (Deleted)
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua (Diplomatic & official only)
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent & the Grenadines
Senegal
Singapore
Slovak Republic (Added)
South Africa (Added)
Soviet Union (Deleted)
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan (Deleted)
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Thailand
Togo (Added)
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom
Uruguay
Venezuela
Public Notice 633 of June 4, 1992 issued at 57 FR 23608 is hereby superseded.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Office of the Secretary**

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart Q During the Week Ending October 2, 1998

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart Q of the Department of Transportation's Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 302.1701 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.

Docket Number: OST-98-4509.

Date Filed: September 28, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: October 26, 1998.

Description: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41108 and Subpart Q, applies for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and a designation authorizing it to conduct foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between Newark, New Jersey, Houston, Texas, and Miami, Florida, on the one hand, and Bucharest, Romania, on the other hand. Continental proposes to provide service between U.S. points and Bucharest (OTP) via Paris (CDG) under a code-share arrangement with Air France and via Prague under a code-share arrangement with Czech Airlines.

Docket Number: OST-98-4538.

Date Filed: October 2, 1998.

Due Date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope: October 30, 1998.

Description: Application of National Airlines, Inc. pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Section 41102 and Subpart Q, applies for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity authorizing it to engage in interstate and scheduled air